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"Many Lands, Many People, Many Faiths...One Arizona"

1. Governor Calls on Homeowners at Risk of Foreclosure to Contact their Lender

Announces Additional \$1.45 Million to Assist Homeowners

PHOENIX – Today Governor Janet Napolitano announced that Arizona will receive \$1.45 million in federal funding to expand mortgage foreclosure mitigation and counseling services through the state.

Congress appropriated this FY08 funding as part of the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, the first time federal funds wholly dedicated to foreclosure counseling have reached Arizona.

The Arizona Department of Housing will administer \$1,333,069 of the funding, working with thirteen certified counseling agencies across the state. Two community-based organizations, Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix Arizona (\$62,965) and Primavera Foundation in Tucson (\$54,233) will administer the rest.

"When homes are foreclosed, dreams and hopes are too," said Governor Janet Napolitano. "Thousands of Arizonans have subprime loans that will jump to higher rates, and many are in danger of losing their homes. This grant expands the options for homeowners, but homeowners must take the first step by reaching out for assistance."

A 1-800 number dedicated entirely to Arizona residents is expected to launch in April to assist at risk homeowners in accessing this counseling service. In the meantime, homeowners can learn more about their foreclosure options by calling the national HOPE NOW number at 1-888-995-4673.

In addition to this new grant, the Governor announced additional steps the state has taken to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure:

- Expansion of the Arizona Department of Housing's Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention program (from \$2.75 million to \$4.2 million) and an additional \$500,000 to support additional outreach in highly-impacted areas
- Additional foreclosure counselors are being trained across the state
- Foreclosure Prevention Workshops for at-risk homeowners throughout Arizona
- Introduction of legislation to expand regulatory oversight of the mortgage industry to prevent foreclosure scams and future abuses, through new mandated licensing of mortgage loan originators and the creation of the Arizona Home Equity Theft Prevention Act
- Leadership in the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, which brings together 200 organizations, lenders, community leaders and government representatives to coordinate outreach and education efforts to assist homeowners facing foreclosure, including bi-lingual assistance

Tips on helping to avoid foreclosure can be found at www.azgovernor.gov.

2. Economic Stimulus Payments - \$600/Individuals or \$1200/married couple

Starting in May, economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for married couples) will be issued by the IRS based on 2007 tax returns.

Parents also get \$300 for each eligible child.

PEOPLE MUST FILE A 2007 TAX RETURN.

Millions of people are eligible but may not know it. These are certain retirees, disabled vets and low-wage workers who normally don't file a tax return. This year, they must file to receive the payments.

People who have at least \$3,000 from wages or certain benefits from Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs may be eligible.

Please, visit www.irs.gov for details.

3. Arizona Governor's Tribal Liaisons - Contact Information

Tribal Liaisons ensure that state services and resources are available to all eligible state citizens residing in Arizona tribal communities to the same extent that such services are available to all other eligible state citizens. Each tribal liaison has been designated to act as the principle point of contact for tribal issues.

For a current copy of this directory, please visit:

<http://azgovernor.gov/eop/TribalOutreach.asp>

March 13, 2008 Progress Report is located:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/031308_TribalProgressReports.pdf

4. 5th Annual Memorial Events for Lori Ann Piestewa and Our Fallen Heroes

MEMORIAL GOURD DANCE HONORING ALL VETERANS AND SOCIAL POWWOW

Saturday, March 22nd 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation – 5 miles West from Casino

Fort McDowell Recreation Center

SUNRISE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT PIESTEWA PEAK

Monday, March 24th 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

PIESTEWA PEAK IN PHOENIX AT THE APACHE RAMADA

Everyone is invited. Parking is limited; please carpool

LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF MOTHERS AND FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES IN THE WAR

Monday, March 24th 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

RADISSON FORT MCDOWELL RESORT BALLROOM

(Piestewa Family and former POWs will attend)

Luncheon RSVP & General Information: Ernest Martinez 602-312-8663 azforpiestewa@cox.net, or Liz Gonzales

623-334-9393 lizzyjane323@aol.com

5. Annual Meeting of the AZ American Indian Tourism Association

March 28, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kokopelli Inn, Breakfast Room

6465 Highway 179, Sedona, AZ 86351

Please RSVP to Joan Timeche at 520.626.6501 or email timechej@email.arizona.edu.

6. 50th Annual Black & White Ball and Business Awards

Date: Saturday, March 29, 2008

Location: Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa, Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

2400 East Missouri Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

Program Time(s):

Reception - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Program - 7:30 p.m.

Dance - 9:00 p.m.

Table Pricing:

Compadre o Comadre Table - Members: \$5,000 & Non-Members: \$6,000 [VIP Placement]

Gold Table - Members: \$4,000 & Non-Members: \$4,750 [Preferred Placement]

Silver Table - Members: \$3,000 & Non-Members: \$3,500

Individual Tickets - Members \$300 & Non-Members: \$350

To reserve your table today or to explore sponsorship opportunities, please contact Ruben Romero at 602-294-6081 or via e-mail at rubenr@azhcc.com .

7. The 2008 Taiwanese American Heritage Festival

March 29th-30th, 2008

11 am to 3 pm

Heritage Square Park

115 N. 6th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85004

(SW Corner of 7th St. and Monroe St.)

FREE Admission!

Featuring Food, Game, Culture, Art and Entertainment

For more information, please contact Ching Ling Chang 602.677.6819 or Lin Ling Lee 602.418.8895

8. Healing Racism Series - April 2, 2008

Phoenix Human Relations Commission, Arizona State University, Maricopa County Community College District, Phoenix College, Maricopa County Diversity Office and the City of Tempe Present...

Youth: Having Their Say on Racism

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Phoenix College, Dome Auditorium

3110 N. 10th Ave.

(Northeast corner of 11th Avenue and Flower Street)

The forum is free and open to the public.

Call 602-261-8242/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY by March 27th for disability or other accommodations.

For more information visit: <http://www.asu.edu/irc/programs/community/healing-racism.html> or call 480-731-8211.

9. Phoenix Indian Center's Annual Gala Fundraiser - April 19th

Honoring the Brilliance of our Diamond Anniversary – 60 Years!

April 19, 2008

Phoenix Convention Center

5:30PM Silent Native American Art Auction

7:00PM Dinner and Entertainment

*Featured entertainment is actor Wes Studi and his band, FireCat of Discord

Tickets are \$200 each, table sponsorships are available. The Center is also accepting donations of Native designed artwork for the Silent Auction.

For further information, please contact Carol Ortiz at 602-264-6768 or Andrea Evans at 602-448-5959. Visit the website www.phxindcenter.org

10. Lance Armstrong Foundation: 2008 Community Program Request for Proposals

Deadlines: to submit a letter of intent (LOI) by March 24, 2008 and Applicants invited to submit a full proposal will be contacted by April 28, 2008

Community Grants: Through its community program, the LAF is offering one-, two- or three-year grants for up to \$150,000, and applications will be considered in either two (2) areas of cancer survivorship: Evidence-based interventions and Education for healthcare professionals

For more information visit: <http://www.livestrong.org/site/c.khLXK1PxHmF/b.2662747/>

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